

We also have to keep that land in agricultural production. I don't think the NRD's should further concern themselves with recreation. It is just opening up a whole new area where we have to spend tax dollars in order to have less land available for our production. I, therefore, urge you to vote against the amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I'm a little bit like Senator Schmit. I hate to take after my good friend Senator Maresh, but there was a committee, this past interim, charged with the responsibility of reviewing eminent domain procedures. In this proposed legislation this committee came up with was a provision that the NRD's, when designating recreation areas, were to have an agreement, in writing with Game and Parks Commission, to be ensured that these would be properly used and properly developed. I think if this becomes law it takes care of the very problem that you're discussing, Senator Marsh. I would hope that maybe we could recognize your problem in this proposed legislation.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'd like ask Senator Maresh a very short question. Senator Maresh, if the NRD's come up with a study and say that out of 94 parks that there probably are 30 pieces of land that are owned by the Game and Parks Commission, of which there is no recreation potential to be put to use in the next ten years, would you suggest that we ...Would you entertain a motion to dispose of that land, sell it and use the funds from that to go ahead and improve the other parts? Or are you going to let them come up with any recommendations of what we do with this park land?

SENATOR MARESH: You're talking about state areas now.

SENATOR KEYES: I'm talking about state areas.

SENATOR MARESH: Well this doesn't include state areas. These are the ones that are owned by the NRD districts now.

SENATOR KEYES: You mean our NRD's have got 94 parks now?

SENATOR MARESH: No, no. I think the question was how many state areas there are, and the answer was 90 some that the state owns.

SENATOR KEYES: And the NRD's are going to look them all over, are they?

SENATOR MARESH: No, not the state area. This is just the....

SENATOR KEYES: How many are the NRD's going to look over?

SENATOR MARESH: That's what I need to know. That is why the study to see how many potential recreational areas they own now. That is what the study is all about.

SENATOR KEYES: You think we can get some of them back on the tax rolls?

SENATOR MARESH: Probably so. The Legislature can direct them to return them to private ownership if we so desire.